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To: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety Research and Special programs Administration

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400 7th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20590-0001 Attention: Exemptions, DHM-31

From: Launch Integration & Operations Department

Space Systems/Loral

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Subject: Request for DOT Exemption for transporting spacecraft with empty

pressurized on-board gas tank

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107.105(a)(3) Not applicable; applicant is a U.S. resident/citizen.

107.105(a)(4) Manufacturing Exemption Locations

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- 2. BOEING AEROSPACE 20403 68th Avenue SO Kent, WA. 98032
- 3. BOEING AEROSPACE 2201 Seal Beach Blvd. Seal Beach, CA. 90740

- 4. LOCKHEED MARTIN 1111 Lockheed Way Sunnyvale, CA. 94089
- 5. JET PROPULSION LAB (JPL)
 California Institute of Technology
 4800 Oakgrove Drive
 Pasadena, CA. 91109
- MOFFETT NAVAL AIR STATION So. Ellis Street Entrance Mountain View, CA. 94089
- ASTROTECH SPACE OPERATIONS, L.P. 1515 Chaffee Drive Titusville, FL. 32780
- 8. CAPE CANAVERAL AIR STATION Cape Canaveral, FL
- SEA LAUNCH HOME PORT 2700 Nimitz Road Long Beach, CA 90802
- 10. ARNOLD DEFENSE CENTER107 AvenueArnold AirForce Base, TN. 37389-4000
- 11. OAKLAND AIRPORT
 Oakland International Airport
 1 Airport Drive
 Oakland, CA 94621

107.105(b) Confidential Treatment. Confidential treatment of the information contained in this document is requested.

Description of exemption proposal.

107.105(c)(1) Specific regulation of relief.

Space Systems/Loral requests a DOT Exemption to transport satellites (also called spacecraft) manufactured at the Palo Alto, California manufacturing facility. The standard spacecraft bus model, 1300 class, may include one of the two types of Xenon Pressurant Tank designs described in this document.